

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 20. *Cancelled*

21. (new) A multi-service network system for providing voice, data and video network services to a plurality of separate customer premises location, the multi-service network system comprising:

a primary network ring including at least one central node and at least two concentration nodes;

a secondary network ring including at least one business premises equipment multi-service platform, the secondary network ring for connecting the at least one business premises equipment multi-services platform between the at least two concentration nodes of the primary network ring; and

a separate customer premises equipment multi-service platform connected to each business premises equipment multi-services platform, the customer premises equipment platform for receiving customer traffic from a plurality of customer locations in its original form, the customer premises equipment multi-service platform for aggregating the customer traffic and presenting the aggregated traffic to the associated business premises equipment multi-service platform.

22. (new) The multi-service network system as defined in claim 21 wherein the at least one business premises equipment multi-service platform comprises:

at least one low speed connection to a first set of services of the multi-service network services; and

at least one high speed connection to a second set of services of the multi-service network services.

23. (new) The multi-service network system as defined in claim 22 wherein the low speed connection comprises an STM-1 connection.

24. (new) The multi-service network system as defined in claim 22 wherein the high speed connection comprises an STM-4 connection.

25. (new) The multi-service network system as defined in claim 21 wherein the customer premises equipment multi-service platform comprises:

at least one low speed connection for providing a first set of services of the multi-service network services to a plurality of customers; and

at least one high speed connection for providing a second of services of the multi-service network services to the plurality of customers.

26. (new) The multi-service network system as defined in claim 25 wherein the at least one low speed connection is selected from the group consisting of: V.35 to E1 conversion, E1 and E3.

27. (new) The multi-service network system as defined in claim 25 wherein the at least one high speed connection comprises an STM-1 connection.